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BULCHISTAN

REF: A) TEHRAN 6191 (NOT TO LONDON), B) NEW DELHI 10093,
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1. ON JULY 26 MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SWARAN SINGH MADE
LENGTHY COMMENTS IN PARLIAMENT ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF IRAN'S
ARMS BUILDUP AND HIS IMPRESSIONS UPON RETURNING FROM A VISIT
TO TEHRAN. THESE COMMENTS ARE SOMEWHAT RAMBLING, AS THEY WERE
REPLIES TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS. THEY WERE SUMMARIZED IN

REF C. THIS COMPLETE TEXT OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IS BEING
POUCHED TO TEHRAN. THE QUOTE IN REF B ABOUT BULUCHISTAN AND THE
NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE CAME FROM ONE OF TWO RELATIVELY
BRIEF PORTIONS ON THAT PARTICULAR SUBJECT. IN RESPONSE TO
REF A, A LONGER QUOTATION FOLLOWS:

2. "I MUST INFORM THE HOUSE THAT EVEN IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS
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AND IN CERTAIN PRESS INTERVIEWS THE SHAH-AN-SHAH OF IRAN HAS

BEEN TRYING TO PROJECT THAT THE ARMS THAT ARE IN POSSESSION OF IRAN ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO PAKISTAN UNLESS PAKISTAN IS ATTACKED AND, SECONDLY, UNLESS THE INTEGRITY OF PAKISTAN IS ENDANGERED, MEANING THEREBY THAT IF THE PROBLEMS IN BALUCHISTAN AND THE FRONTIER PROVINCE TAKE A SHAPE WHICH THREATEN IN A MAJOR WAY THE INTEGRITY OF PAKISTAN, THE IRAN'S HELP WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PAKISTAN TO COUNTER THAT SITUATION...IF THERE ARE INDIGENOUS MOVEMENTS IN PAKISTAN, THIS IS AN INTERNAL MATTER BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND THE FEDERATING UNITS OR PROVINCES. IN THAT SITUATION, WHATEVER MAY BE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN IRAN AND PAKISTAN TO HELP PAKISTAN TO QUELL ANY SUCH MOVEMENT, IT IS A MATTER IN WHICH WE DON'T COME DIRECTLY. IT IS A MATTER BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES AND THEY MAY ARRIVE AT ANY AGREEMENT SO LONG AS IT DOES NOT AFFECT US."

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